incident occurred because of the gathering of an extremely large number of candidates and inadequacy of crowd control measures, lack of publicity regarding change of venue and a rumor regarding cencellation of the rally. The Assam Rifles have accordingly modified the procedure to prevent any such incident in future.

Bangladeshis involved in naxalite violence

†1318. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made a survey of Bangladeshis involved in naxalite violence;

(b) whether they have been arrested;

(c) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(d) if not, by when the above mentioned survey would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per information available, there is no involvement of Bangladeshi migrants in the naxalite activities.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Visa policy for chinese pilgrims and tourists

1319. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the visa policy for Chinese pilgrims and tourists;

(b) whether visa policy is likely to be simplified for those who want to visit India for a very short duration; and

(c) the time it takes for tourists to obtain visa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Tourist visa is granted to Chinese Nationals for visiting this country for a period of three months with a single entry facility, on presentation of a confirmed return air-ticket and proof of his/her having sufficient finances to cover all expenditure in India. There is also provision to grant multiple entry visa to the applicant if his/her itinerary and the air ticket issued to him/her specifically indicates this requirement. The tourist visa shall be valid for entry into India from its date of issue. The tourist visa may also be extended by Ministry of Home Affairs, on application by the tourist in person, upto a period of 3 months provided the total duration of the stay in India does not exceed 6 months. There is no separate category of visa for pilgrims.

(b) The Government has no proposal, at present, to simplify the visa policy for very short duration stay in India.

(c) Visas to Chinese tourists are generally issued in 3 working days.

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